MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
8 July 1971

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10:00 *CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W.*

ADMINISTRATION

1. *Approval of Minutes of April 21, 1971 Meeting*

2. *Date of Next Meeting - 15 September 1971*

3. *Confirmation of Approval - Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden*

SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

1. *D. C. Government, Zoning Commission*

   Review of Staff Proposals on Height of Buildings

2. *D.C. Government, Department of General Services*

   a. *New Elementary and Junior High School Complex, Benning Road and C St., S.E. - Proposed Design*

   b. *New Elementary School, 31st and Erie Sts., S.E. - Proposed Design*

   c. *New Elementary School, Wheeler Road and Savannah St., S.E. - Proposed Design*

   d. *New Primary and Secondary School Complex, Oxon Run, S.E. - Proposed Design*

   e. *New Elementary School, Pomeroy and Erie Sts., S.E. - Proposed Design*

   f. *Dunbar High School Addition, 1st and N St., N.W. - Proposed Design*

   g. *Benning-Stoddard Recreation Center, Burns and C St., S.E. - Proposed Design*

   h. *New Fifth District Station House, Bladensburg Road and T St., N.E. - Proposed Design*

   i. *New Second District Station House, Newark St. and Idaho Ave., N.W. - Proposed Design*

3. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

Old Georgetown Act

a. Appendix 1

b. Georgetown University Master Plan

c. Preliminary Design, Intensive Care Center, Georgetown Hospital

d. O.G. 71-149, 3400-3406 R St., N.W. - Four New Row Houses

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4. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

Illumination of Pan American Headquarters Building, DAR, Red Cross, etc. on 17th St., N.W.

5. Department of Interior, National Park Service

a. Lighting of Jefferson Memorial

b. Relocation of San Martin Statue, 20th St. and Virginia Ave., N.W. - Revised Design

LEGISLATION

H.R. 8484, a bill "To extend the National Visitor Center Facilities Act of 1968 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for an additional parking facility in the District of Columbia, afop."

INTERVIEWS

11:00 1. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

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Georgetown University Master Plan

12:00 4. *D.C. Government, Department of General Services*

School Designs, Recreation Center, Police Stations

5. *Freer Gallery of Art*

Inspection of Proposed Acquisitions

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
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1. *CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W.*

The Commission met pursuant to notice at 10:15 A.M. Mr. Walton began the meeting by welcoming Mr. Edward D. Stone, Jr. the new landscape architect member.

Present were: *William Walton, Chairman*
Gordon Bunshaft
Kevin Roche
Chloethiel Woodard Smith
Edward D. Stone, Jr.

Staff:
Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
Donald B. Myer
J.L.Sibley Jennings, Jr.
Jeffrey Carson
William Bogan
Mary Bean
Marylyn Shaw
Lynda Smith
Phillip Noffsinger

2. *ADMINISTRATION*

a. The minutes of the meeting of April 21, 1971, were approved.

b. The date of the next meeting was tentatively set for 15 September 1971.

c. The approval of the revised design for the Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden was confirmed as a matter of record.

d. The Secretary introduced Lynda Smith, Dr. Phillip Noffsinger, and Jeffrey Carson as members of the summer study program. The study, it was explained, would focus on distinguished buildings on Massachusetts Avenue, 16th Street, and the Kalorama Triangle area. Priority would be given to buildings most likely to succumb to demolition.

3. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

a. D. C. Government, Zoning Commission

A staff report proposed by the Zoning Commission on a potential lifting of the height limits in Washington had previously been circulated to the members for study. Everyone agreed that the report was amateur, poorly written, poorly edited, superficial, with no substantive information upon which to make any kind of sensible evaluation. In fact, it was hard to conceive that a public agency could officially stand on the preparation of such a poor report. The members recommended that a letter be sent to the D.C. Government stating these views and calling for a truly professional study based not only on economic factors but on circulation, population, distribution, and, of course, a careful analysis of the visual impact, not only on the sky-line, but in relation to the width of the street and other spaces as well.

b. D. C. Government, Department of General Services

1. New elementary and junior high school complex, Benning Road and C St., S.E., proposed design - architect, Chloethiel Woodard Smith

At this point Mrs. Smith left the meeting. It was explained that this was one of five elementary schools to be presented, all with identical programs, and all in the

far southeast section of the city known as Anacostia Hills. The members felt that the best way to approach the projects was to view all the submissions simultaneously. They included schools at:

a. Benning Road and C St., S. E. - architect, Chloethiel Smith;

b. 31st and Erie Street, S. E., - architect, Donald Roberts;

c. Wheeler Road and Savannah St., S. E. - architect, Victor Smollen;

d. Oxon Run, S. E., - architect, Perkins and Will;

e. Pomeroy and Erie Sts., S. E. - Callmer and Milstead.

It was noted that not only were the programs identical but that all of the schools were situated on similar sites, all having a considerable drop in grade to contend with. With one exception designs were thought to be first rate, both in the architectural solution and in the handling of difficult sites. The one exception, the school at Wheeler Road and Savannah Street, looked excessive and overdrawn, especially in the handling of the steep sloping roofs. They were arbitrary, contributed little to the interior quality of space (in fact, detracted in the case of the gymnasium), and added little to the appearance of the building. The other designs, on the other hand, were sensible in plan, were not over designed, fit the site well, and had a sense of individuality. Designs by Roberts, and by Perkins and Will were particularly singled out. The members concluded that all of the designs could be approved with the condition on the Wheeler Road school that the roof forms be restudied. Mrs. Smith returned to the meeting and was told of the concensus of the members and was asked if she agreed on the action regarding the designs other than the Benning Road and C Street school. Mrs. Smith approved.

f. Dunbar High School Addition, 1st and N St., N. W., architect - Bryant and Bryant. Detailed plans, sections, elevations, perspectives, photographs of study models, and two large models, on a site model and the other a detailed cut away of the classroom core, were presented for review. It was obvious that a great deal of study and work had gone into the design. While highly complex, both in program and the resulting plan, the design, nevertheless, had a considerable degree of unity. This was achieved largely through the repetition of the same basic geometry throughtout and was reinforced by a relatively strong expression of elements on the facades. Also the use of poured-in-place concrete as a method of construction which would most likely strengthen the unity in the design. While

there was some concern about the tendency to overcomplexity, it was felt that the architects would probably be forced to simplify through the normal processes of development. The design was unanimously approved.

g. Benning-Stoddard Recreation Center, Burns and C St., S. E., proposed design - architect, Luther Brunner. The project was sketchily drawn, appeared superficial and looked as though very little effort had been made on the project. It was unanimously disapproved.

h. New Fifth District Station House, Bladenburg Road and T St., N. E., proposed design, architect - McGaughan and Johnson. It was decided to review both this and the following submission.

i. Second District Station House, also designed by McGaughan and Johnson, Newark St. and Idaho Ave., N.W., proposed design. Both designs were nearly identical copies of a previous design for the Third District Station House also by McGaughan and Johnson. The police department wishes to establish a strong identity in their new buildings; one which is unmistakable and easily identifiable anywhere in the community. Both designs consisted of an exposed exterior steel frame, a relatively long, low, (three story) building, with the first floor deeply recessed and the entire structure resting on a base. The site plan provided for ample landscaping in the foreground and all of the parking would generally be located to the rear or side and screened from public view. A few spaces would be located in front to provide for visitors. Members felt that the idea of establishing a prototype was, indeed, reasonable and that the expression and character were suitable. One of the two designs was more direct in the framing scheme and was preferred over the other. It was recommended that the preferred scheme be adopted, applying it to future designs as well.

c. D. C. Government, Department of Economic Development.

1. Appendix 1, approved. Exhibit A.

2. Georgetown University Master Plan, design by G U Planning Staff. A number of drawings, photographs and a small scale model showing the development of the entire University and hospital complex was presented for review. The Secretary pointed out the basic features of this new plan:

a. Relocating the main vehicular approach to the campus from 37th and O Streets to a location on Canal Road more or less on the north-south axis of the campus.

b. Utilizing the central open space between the University and the hospital (now athletic fields) and the

large difference in grade as a major complex of underground parking for three and four levels. Above this would be a relatively small scale series of units with a mixed use of residential and classroom functions. These latter elements would be roughly on the same grade as the existing building on both the University and hospital campuses.

c. The development of a small scale series of residential buildings in the area east from 37th to 35th Street and north from Prospect to P Street. New buildings to be interspersed with old in order to provide a transition from the campus to the historic residential area of Georgetown east of 35th Street and possibly other streets in an underground complex thus, eliminating them as open public space.

The Commission felt that the first two features represented a great improvement over previous plans. Both the circulation and the land use were much more sensible. The third feature, of course, would be the most sensitive area, particularly in regard to the sentiments of the community, insofar as an historically residential area would be absorbed into the campus. It was generally felt that this aspect of the plan needed more study and that the idea of eliminating 37th Street and possibly other streets was not sound and would probably meet with the disapproval of the Commission in any formal submission. Exhibit B.

3. Intensive Care Center, Georgetown Hospital, architect - Smith, Hinchman, Grylls. Presentation consisted of a small scale model showing the master plan of the hospital and a number of very preliminary sketches. Despite the sketchiness, the members felt that there was enough material to see that the design was basically wrong. The building was poorly sited with little, if any, relation to existing structures, and generally, was so arbitrary in concept that it could have been placed anywhere. The design was unanimously disapproved.

4. O. G. 71 - 149, 3400 - 3406 R Street, N. W., four new row houses, architect - Eldred Mowery. The members engaged in an extensive discussion of: (a) the basic design and (b) the basic design philosophy and the approach to new buildings in an officially designated historic area. Briefly, the specific objection was that instead of looking like 4 new row houses the design looked like 8. This was due to the number of setbacks introduced on the R Street elevation. The Secretary explained that the Board of Review had deliberately recommended this approach as a way of bringing down the scale and a device in diminishing the impact of the rows of garage doors among other things. Because of the complexity of the discussion a transcript is attached hereto for the record. To summarize the action, the Commission returned the design to the Board with its disapproval and a record of the discussion which led to it.

Shipstead-Luce Act

a. Appendix 2 approved.

d. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service. Illumination of Pan American Headquarters Building, DAR, Red Cross, etc. on 17th St., N. W.

It was explained that GSA has been asked to work out a lighting scheme for 17th Street by the White House; the idea being that it would balance the lighting on 15th Street and frame the elipse. The question of lighting in general was immediately raised by Mr. Bunshaft, pointing out that in previous actions of the Commission, emphasis was laid upon the level of illumination and not control of color. Pennsylvania Avenue is particularly bad with the blue-green halide lighting of the building in juxaposition with the orange "Lucalox" street lighting. While the idea of lighting buildings on 17th Street was favored, it was agreed that it would be a good idea to get Mr. Walter Meissen of GSA to come and discuss the project, but more importantly, to discuss the whole matter of illumination of public buildings in Washington. Mr.Meissen arrived a few minutes later. There was a general discussion on the importance of color, with Mr. Meissen indicating that he was not at all pleased with the situation on Pennsylvania Avenue and that GSA was restudying the whole design of the lighting. He also indicated that the intensity of light on the attic story of the federal triangle buildings would be greatly reduced, which everybody agreed would be an improvement. Mr. Meissen also brought up the matter of lighting the old Pension Office building on Judiciary Square. While no formal approval of the scheme was given, members felt it was reasonable, but would like to see details before installation.

e. Department of Interior, National Park Service.

1. Lighting the Jefferson Memorial, Sylvan Shemitz-designer.

The material for presentation consisted of sketches of various schemes for lighting towers but no plan showing the relation to the memorial. In absence of such a plan, it was assumed there would be four towers equally spaced around the memorial, much in the same manner as presented some years earlier. The members agreed that any scheme involving towers was unacceptable. It was pointed out that similar architectural forms, such as the Pantheon in Rome, have been beautifully illuminated by simply placing lights around the base of the structure with no attempt to directly light the dome. That, of course, was the crux of the problem with the Jefferson Memorial. At this point Mr. Shemitz, along with Mr. Rowell of the National Park Service, came in. Mr. Shemitz was told of the Commission's feelings regarding the poles, that in no uncertain terms would such a scheme be approved. There followed a lengthy discussion on the merits of trying to light the entire building including the

the interior. A copy of the transcript is attached. Mr. Bunshaft suggested at one point that lights be placed at a great distance, possibly in the Tidal Basin, in order to effect the lighting of the dome. This would be accomplished at water level so as to be unobtrusive. The discussion then shifted to the possibility of experimenting with a single temporary source that could be adjusted in height on an experimental basis. Mr. Shemitz agreed to study a way in which such experimental lighting could be mounted on a "cherry-picker" lift so that the height could be adjusted in a matter of seconds. Following Mr. Shemitz's departure, the members reaffirmed that they were opposed to any towers around the memorial, and that the lighting of the dome in the manner envisioned by the designer was not feasible.

2. Relocation of San Martin Statue, 20th St., and Virginia Avenue, N. W. - Revised Design.

A site plan showing the statue of San Martin on the corner of 20th and Virginia Avenue, N. W. was submitted for review. The general location had previously been approved by the Commission. While the members restated they had no objection to the location, the design of the site was far from acceptable. It was the general feeling that the Park Service ought to seek the advice of a first rate landscape architect to assist in arriving at a suitable solution. Exhibit C.

4. LEGISLATION

The H.R. 8484, a bill"To extend the National Visitor Center Facilities Act of 1968 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for an additional parking facility in the District of Columbia, " was approved. Exhibit D.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Charles H. Atherton

Charles H. Atherton,
Secretary

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN APPLICATIONS

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 71-86	1313 Wisc. Ave., N.W. Dominique Shoes	Sign w/black metal letters.
ACTION: Recommended. 3/12/71		
95	1504 33d St., N.W. George Pobter	Build a brick party wall fence.
ACTION: Returned for addl information.		
99	1339 Wisc. Ave., N.W. Segal's Antiques	Sign
ACTION: Recommended provided that signs are mounted on pilaster & aligned to height of exist. signs. Size of sign to match existing also. 4/7/71		
106	2815 Que St., N.W. J. S. Begg	Repair balcony at 2nd floor. Replace rooted wood fascia etc. and metal. Not all same size and design.
ACTION: No objection. 5/5/71		
107	1517 34th St., N.W. R. W. Randall	6 ft. stockade fence.
ACTION: No objection. 5/5/71		
108	1211 Wisc. Ave., N.W. Charles Stevens	Install decorative handrail & doors in front of bldg. & install 6'8" x 3'6" window in place of 3'1"x3'6" window existing in side of bldg.
ACTION: Not recm. Suggest simple "thin-line" type bronze or dark anodized aluminum doors, omitting all decoration. Also new window should be of wood and match all details of exist. second floor window immediately above. 5/5/71		
109	3121 South St., N.W. Guggenheim Productions Inc.	New brick office bldg.
ACTION: Recommended as preliminary design subject to review of working dwgs and submission of exterior materials. 5/5/71		
110	1680 Wisc. Ave., N.W. Sanderling Broadcasting	~~CCCCC~~ Dande 4'x4' plastic sign w/white letters installed flat against bldg. non-illuminated.

Exhibit A.

ACTION: Not recommended. Suggest a single sign listing all tenants of the bldg. w/same size and design of lettering for each name. Sign to be located 3 or 4 ft. above grade, or on grade if preferred. 5/5/71

111 3249 O St., N.W. — To construct garage as per plans.
Roger Brown
ACTION: Recommended. 4/22/71

112 1039 31st St., N.W. — Projecting Sign
Yes, Inc.
ACTION: Request addl info. Submit dwg showing exact location of sign. Question degree of projection into public space. 5/5/71

113 3268 P St., N.W. — New bay window in dining room and new 2nd floor addition, rear
L. McLean
ACTION: No objection. 5/5/71

114 3618 Prospect St., N.W. — Redesign windows & doors in front and rear walls.
Beau Bogan
ACTION: Not recm. This submission further away fr Commission recommendations than previous submission. Character of proposed changes should be similar to those of original house. 5/5/71

115 3400-3406 R St., N.W. — Build 4 new dwellings
Roger Stevens
ACTION: Returned for addl info and further simplification of details. A simple model showing relationship of new houses to existing house on south, large enough to show adjoining streets, should be submitted. Also complete site plan, rear elevation, etc. All dwgs to be consistent, i.e. chimneys which appear on one elevation dwg should show on all elevations, also indicate treatment of cornice and other details on corners of setbacks. 5/5/71

OG 71-116 1365 Wisc. Ave., N.W. — Install wagon on corner of Wisc. & O St., N.W. permanently.
Urdong Bros. Corp.
ACTION: Not recommended. Permanent nature of installation, materials, size & general character inconsistent w/objectives of P.L. 808. 5/5/71

117 1506 33d St., N.W. — Build a brick party line fence 6' high one side only, as other side already has a brick party line fence.
Wm. H. Tuttle
ACTION: Recommended, provided that brick be used on wall facing alley. 5/5/71

119 3306 Prospect Ave., N.W. — Brick paving & landscaping as shown on drawing.
John Howerton
ACTION: No objection. 5/17/71

120 2735 Olive St., N.W. — Addn to existing school building.
Washington International School
ACTION: Preliminary scheme approved. Request further consideration of proper circulation and submission of final dwgs. 5/17/71

121 1342 27th St., N.W. — Iron gate hung on 2 brick columns 12"x12"x6' high. Gate 8'wide, 4' high.
James M. Williams
ACTION: Returned for a clear and accurate dwg of proposed work. 5/17/71

122 3110 Dumbarton St., N.W. — Remove existing entrance steps and replace w/new steel and stone steps. No roof.
Mrs. Gilbert Greenway
ACTION: Returned for a clear and accurate dwg of proposed work. 5/17/71

123 2915 M St., N.W. — Sign
D.C. Restaurants Inc.
ACTION: Recommended. 5/5/71

124 1200 Wisc. Ave., N.W. — Brick up alley windows. Fire escape windows excepted. Eliminate planter previously projected and extend sidewalk to building line.
National Bank of Washington
ACTION: No objection to the removal of planter. Request elevation dwg showing materials on base of wall.5/17/71

125 2600 Que St., N.W. — Residence
Malcolm Baer
ACTION: Not recommended. Applied pediment, scale, character of openings, proportions and other design features inappropriate. Recommend further study. 5/17/71

126 3212 M St., N.W. — Replace cooling tower using existing tower pipe, electric disconnect.
Norddeutscher & Rundfunk
ACTION: Returned for dwg indicating location in alley. 5/17/71

127 1039 31st St., N.W. — Sign
Yes, Inc.
ACTION: Rqst clarification of method of attachment of sign. Also recm suitable frame around sign. 5/17/71

128 1047 Potomac St., N.W. — Sand blast and clean existing stone work, remove existing fenestration, garage door and brick infill and add new fenestration as shown on plans.
William Volkman Jr.

ACTION: Recommended provided that windows are divided into 3 vertical equal glass panels. Rqst resubmission of dwgs. 5/17/71

130 1211 Wisc. Ave., N.W. — Resubm of 108
Charles Stevens

ACTION: New window recommended provided it match material and all details of existing 2nd floor window immediately above. 5/17/71

131 1200 Wisc. Ave., N.W. — Alterations to exterior of bldg.
Natl Bank of Washington

ACTIon; recommended. 5/27/71

132 3413 P St., N.W. — New garage, French doors fr living room, entrance hall & dining room to entrance side court. Remove front iron steps. Install new windows as per plans.
Richard Bodman

ACTION: Not recm. Recm elimination of shutters on basement windows, front elevation; treatment of parapet on garage as a simple garden wall, i.e. soldier course orother suitable capping instead of cornice. Also recommend ret. parapet wall one to two feet beyond top riser steps, setting back gate to garden same distance. Also recommend that garage door be either flush panel or of larger panels aprx 1 1/2 to 2 times size shown. Rqst detail of stairs and also of proposed lighting fixtures. 5/27/71

134 2739 P St., N.W. — Convert two windows to doors and construct wood floor over existing sundeck.
Nancy Reuters

ACTION: Returned for elevation dwgs showing relation of proposed opening to existing conditions. Also plan and elevations of new door on front elevation/ 5/27/71

135 1342 27th St., N.W. — Fence
James Williams

ACTION: Returned for clear and accurate scale dwg of proposed gate & brick posts. 5/27/71

136 1039 31st St., N.W. — Sign
Yes, Inc.

ACTION: Recm provided that two sheets of masonite are used back to back in order to provide same texture for both sides of sign. 6/9/71

137 3411 Volta St., N.W. — Build new bay window.
T.M. Deborise

ACTION: Recommended. 5/27/71

138 1686 34th St., N.W. — Install lamp and lamp post.
Roger Stevens
ACTION: Returned without action. See attached letter. 5/27/71

139 2600 Que St., N.W. — Dwelling
Donald Drayer
ACTION: Not recommended. Recommend restudy of plan in order to simplify massing. Also restudy proportion and number of openings, especially on north elevation. Suggest general simplification of details such as trim around windows, doors and iron rails, etc. New studies to be drawn in detail at 1/4" scale. 5/27/71

140 1686 34th St., N.W. — Convert barn to recreation building.
Roger Stevens
ACTION: Recommended. 5/27/71

141 1737 Wisc. Ave., N.W. — Replace sheet glass store front w/plexiglass Georgetown panes.
Grace Latona
ACTION: Not recommended. Proposed revisions to show windows unsuitable. See action of OG 71-87. 6/10/71

142 3340 N St., N.W. — To erect steel eye panel supports in rear of bldg.
Eugene Frank & Martin Hartman
ACTION: Recommended. 6/10/71

143 3115 O St., N.W. — Replace existing fence with fence of like material
George Herman
ACTION: No objection. 6/10/71

144 1319 34th St., N.W. — Constr new roof section aprox 3' above level of exist. roof. Add windows along south side above top of exist. brick wall. Add cornice on west and north sides above level of exist. brick walls.
David Bartholomew Chase
ACTION: No objection to general design concept but request further study of details, including relation of new windows to existing, and details of lintel and other framing members. The latter should be illustrated in a section. No objection to typical skylight over bathroom if necessary. 6/10/71

145 3111 N St., N.W. — Erect open pergola (unroofed) in rear yard.
Warren Cox
ACTION: Recommended. 6/24/71

146 2600 Que St., N.W. — Dwelling
Donald Drayton
ACTION: Not recommended. Character generally unacceptable. Recm made on previous application (OG 71-139) still apply, i.e. massing, general character of elevations, proportions and details should be further studied. It is again requested that these studies be furnished in quarter inch scale drawings. 6/10/71

147 3110 M St., N.W. — Enlarge rear window and brick terrace. Will later add awning similar to Scan's style.
Canal Sq. Assoc.
ACTION: Not recommended. Recm restudy of door and window as a unified design in relation to existing elevation. 6/10/71

148 3900 Reservoir Rd., N.W. — Revisions and additions to GU Medical Center site
Georgetown U.
ACTION: Recommended. 6/10/71

149 3400-3406 R St., N.W. — Four new dwellings
Roger Stevens
ACTION: General design approved. Rqst further study of entrance stair and landscaping on 34th St. showing relation to driveway on south. Also suggest further study of relation of chimney to cornice on 34th St. elevation, and the study of details of entranceways and landscaping on R St. Rqst complete working drawings and sample of brick before issuance of permit. 6/10/71

150 1342 27th St., N.W. — Brick piers w/gates
James M. Williams
ACTION: Recommended provided curved member along top of gate is eliminated, ironwork to match stoop railing and piers are set back 6" from face of building. 6/24/71

152 3218 P St. N.W. — Take down present sign reading "paraphernalia:" - change wording only to read "air pollution."
Wilhelmina Adams Bowes
ACTION: Recommended.

153 2600 Que St., N.W. — Rental of public space for the parking of motor vehicles.
Michael Fabrizio Jr.
ACTION: Not recommended.

154 2739 P St., N.W. — Construct sliding glass door.
Nancy Reuter

ACTION: Recommended provided a simple wood door with a single sheet of glass is used in existing opening, (cut to floor). Sliding metal glass door not recommended. If larger opening is desired restudy and resubmit with wood double door designed to harmonize with character of existing windows and woodwork. 6/24/71

156 3413 P St., N.W. — New garage, French doors fr living room, entrance hall and dining room to entrance side court. Remove front iron steps. Install new windows as per plans.
Richard Bodman

ACTION: Recommended for garage design; not recommended for stair design, gate location, parapet return and lamps. See previous action. 6/24/71

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS

NO SL 71-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
40	51 Louisiana Ave., N.W. Acacia Mutual Life Ins. Co.	Four story and roof reinforced concrete parking garage w/limestone facing.
ACTION: Approved as a preliminary design. Request submission of detailed drawings and samples of exterior materials.		
41	200 3d St., S.E. Herman and Teen Morton	Two metal stakes (black iron) 2 ft. high. Chains suspended atsidewalk line and at right angles, painted one inch strip around space and lettering to indicate private parking.
ACTION: Disapproved. Recommend all private parking be located off public space, back of property line and be adequately screened. 4/23/71		
42	633 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Daniel Davidson	Remodel store front, remove existing deteriorating store front and replace existing glass and metal with new glass and metal.
ACTION: No objection to proposed changes. Request check on legality of nonconforming sign. 4/23/71		
43.	Entire Block Bounded by F,G,5th & 6th WMATA	Material Sample for Operations Control Center Bldg.
ACTION: Approved. 5/7/71		
44	800 16th St.,=N.W. Hay Adams Hotel	Install 2 1500 watt flood lights at ground level facing up to floo front of bldg. Install two double 150 watt floods on front canopy lighting fr lawn.
ACTION: No obj to proposed lights on 16th St. elevation. Suggest some other means be found to illuminate grass panel adjacent to entranceway other than attaching lights to projecting marque. 6/8/71		
45	8177 East Beach Dr., N.W. H.L. White	New single family dwelling.
ACTION: Approved. 5/19/71		
46	1735 N. Portal Dr., N.W. Milton O. McGinty	Enclose existing screened porch.
ACTION: Approved provided new stone work match existing. Stone work indicated on dwg is not approved.		

47 1724 S. Portal Dr., N.W. — New Residence.
Mr. & Mrs. Orlando Darden
ACTION: Approved.

48 801 17th St., N.W. — 12 story office bldg.
Swesnik & Blum Inc.
ACTION: Conforms in general to previously approved plans and is approved. Request submission of all materials. 5/18/71

49 800 Conn. Ave., N.W. — Remove exist. signs. Install 2 dark bronze aluminum panels 3'x32' and one 2'6'. Panels to have white letters w/33 sq. ft. area each large panel and 6 sq. ft. on small panel. Ltr area to be illuminated.
Natl Bank of Washington
ACTION: Disapproved. Proposed sign basically commercial. Character of existing sign, style of lettering, type of illumination and color more appropriate to bldg. on important corner abutting Lafayette Square and facing the White House. 6/11/71

51 8169 W.Beach Dr., N.W. — Dwelling
Dr. George Franklin
ACTION: Approved. 7/7/71

53 227 Pa. Ave., S.E. — Construct 1 story masonry addn.
Trover Gift Shop
ACTION: Approved. 7/7/71

52 6814 Oregon Ave., N.W. — Erect 1 rm brick one story addn to rear of exist. dwelling.
Robert Mahaney
ACTION: Approved. 7/7/71

54 2812 Adams Mill Rd., N.W. — Erect attached garage to left of house. Garage to share one wall w/house.
E. and R. Cerrotta
ACTION: Approved. 7/7/71

72-1 1638 Nicholson St., N.W. — Enclose rear porch.
Louis Parks
ACTION: Approved. 7/7/71

72-2 4000 17th St., N.W. — Remove existing screen. Install new screen.
Wm. Carter
ACTION: Approved. 7/7/71

71-50 415 12th St., N.W. — 3'x5' metal sign.
Shannon & Luchs
ACTION: Approved. 7/7/71

708 Jackson Place, N.W.
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23 September 1971

Dear Mr. Hanson:

At our meeting of the Board of Architectural Consultants for Georgetown yesterday, the question arose as to the status of the Master Plan for the University. Apparently the members have been asked by a number of people if it was true that the Commission of Fine Arts had approved the plan at its July 8th meeting.

For the record, it should be stated that the plan was not submitted through the normal channels of the District Government, that it was submitted for information only, and that consequently the Commission took no action on the submission.

There was a general discussion of several of the major features, however, some of which seemed promising, such as the intensive use of open space in the central campus for parking, housing, and class room facilities, and the new vehicular approach from Canal Road, and others which might possibly raise serious questions, notably the proposed developments east of 37th Street. It is this latter portion of the plan, of course, which is of special concern to the Commission because of its obligation to protect the historic district under the provisions of the Old Georgetown Act, Public Law 808.

I hope this letter will serve to clarify the Commission's position; that there have been no recommendations either for or against the proposed development of the University. We have always encouraged the presentation of preliminary plans and appreciated the opportunity to view them at our July meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. Chris Hanson
Vice President for Planning and Physical Plant
Georgetown University
Washington, D.C.

cc: Chief, Permit Branch, DC Govt.
Peter Dolin, Pres., GT Citizens Assn.
Members of Old Georgetown Board

Exhibit B.

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July 22, 1971

Dear Mr. Dickenson:

The Commission reviewed the revised site plan for the San Martin Statue on a site at 20th Street and Virginia Avenue at its meeting on the 8th of July. It was still felt that the design had not jelled and that it was necessary to study it further. The rectangular platform, for example, as situated on the corner of 20th and Virginia was completely out of place. While we would be happy to assist in any way possible on a re-study, the question was asked why a first rate landscape architect could not be consulted in the new plans. There would be nothing to lose at this point.

I might also add that nobody liked the idea of removing trees on Virginia Avenue, which is contrary to long standing plans for landscaping on the major streets in the city. The notion of creating an "urban" square on Virginia Avenue is naive.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton

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Secretary

Mr. Russell E. Dickenson
General Superintendent
National Park Service, National
Capital Parks
1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit C.

September 9, 1971

Dear Mr. Jett:

This is merely to confirm for the record the approval of the revised designs for the passenger and parking facilities at the National Visitors Center. It should also be noted that the Commission's action was taken with enthusiasm. They feel the design has great strength and character and hope that it can go ahead as presently conceived. The Commission would, of course, like to review the detailed drawings before final approval. But this is more of a formality if there are no real changes to what the Commission has already approved.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

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Exhibit D.